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SUBJECT: US INDIAN OCEAN PATROLS FROM UTAPAO

REFS: (A) BANGKOK 8190 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 115997 (NOTAL);

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1. BRIEFING FOR RTG PLANNED FOR JUNE 18 JOINTLY WITH GENERAL

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KRIANGSAK OF SUPREME COMMAND AND MFA UNDER SECRETARY PHAN

WANNAMETHEE. THIS WILL BE FIRST OPPORTUNITY AFTER KRIANGSAK'S RETURN FROM MALAYSIAN BORDER TALKS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE KEEPING HIM OUT OF BANGKOK FOR TEN DAYS.

2. WE FIND RATIONALE IN DEPTTEL RATHER THIN GRUEL TO EXPLAIN NOW OUR INDIAN OCEAN SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS SINCE 1969. OUR PRESENCE IN EFFECT WILL SUBSTANTIATE THE CHARGES BY THANAT KHOMAN MADE PUBLICLY JUNE 7 THAT US DID INITIATE AND CONDUCT INDIAN OCEAN PATROLS WITHOUT INFORMING OR SEEKING HOST COUNTRY APPROVAL. ALTHOUGH THANAT'S ACTUAL STATEMENTS MAY HAVE BEEN AS MILD AS REPORTED REF C, PUBLIC RECORD IS UPI AND AP REPORTAGE QUOTING THANAT AS SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES STARTED RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER THE INDIAN OCEAN FROM A BASE IN THAILAND WITHOUT OBTAINING PERMISSION FROM THE THAI GOVERNMENT, WHICH COULD DRAG THAILAND INTO A CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN PROVIDING BOTH SUPREME COMMAND AND FOREIGN OFFICE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN OVER PAST SIX MONTHS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL MATERIAL INCLUDING SAMPLES OF THE ACOUSTIC, METEOROLOGICAL AND OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AS WELL AS A MORE REGULAR AND COMPLETE FLOW OF DATA ON NAVAL AND MERCHANT SHIPPING MOVEMENTS, TOGETHER WITH ANY APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED TO THE THAI AS HARD EVIDENCE OF THE UTILITY OF THESE FLIGHTS. PHOTOS OF SOVIET FLEET UNITS OR NAVY BASE FACILITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA, IF AVAILABLE, MIGHT ALSO BE APPROPRIATE TO SHARE WITH THE RTG. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE RTG WILL WISH TO HAVE ON A CONTINUING BASIS THE RAW INTELLIGENCE DATA COLLECTED BY THESE FLIGHTS, BUT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO PROVIDE PERIODIC SUMMARIES OR ANALYTICAL STUDIES AND BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUERIES IN A FORTHRIGHT WAY.

4. AS SUGGESTED REF B, WE ARE SEEKING TO SUPPLEMENT BRIEFING MATERIAL WITH INFO AVAILABLE LOCALLY THROUGH MACTHAI AND FLEET COORDINATING GROUP.  
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